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SUBJECT: ECLA MEETING IN HAVANA, JUNE 13-18, 1977

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1. AMBASSADOR WELLS MET THIS MORNING WITH ENRIQUE IGLESIAS, EXECUTIVE SECRETARY OF ECLA, AND DISCUSSED AMONG OTHER TOPICS THE FORTHCOMING ECLA MEETING IN HAVANA AT WHICH A DRAFT REGIONAL PLAN OF ACTION FOR THE INTEGRATION OF WOMEN IN DEVELOPMENT WILL BE CONSIDERED.

2. IGLESIAS STATED THAT AS FAR AS HE KNOWS, ONLY CUBA AND GUYANA ARE PUSHING THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A REGIONAL INTER-GOVERNMENTAL COMMITTEE ON WOMEN, A STRUCTURE WHICH WOULD DUPLICATE THE OAS INTER-AMERICAN COMMISSION ON WOMEN. IGLESIAS REPORTED THAT THE DOMINICAN REPUBLIC IS PREPARED TO TABLE A RESOLUTION DESIGNED TO HEAD OFF THE MOVE TO ESTABLISH A SEPARATE ECLA COMMISSION ON WOMEN. THE RESOLUTION WOULD CALL FOR AN ECLA CONFERENCE ON WOMEN EVERY TWO OR THREE YEARS WHICH HAS THE ADVANTAGE OF INCLUDING THOSE STATES WHO ARE NOT MEMBERS OF THE OAS IN THE DEVELOPMENT OF REGIONAL PLANS. IGLESIAS REPORTED THAT BOTH VENEZUELA AND MEXICO ARE
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PREPARED TO SUPPORT THIS RESOLUTION.

3. THE MISSION FEELS STRONGLY THAT THE POSTURE OF THE US DELEGATION IN HAVANA SHOULD REFLECT THE POSITION TAKEN BY THE US AT THE RECENT ECLA SESSION IN GUATEMALA CITY AND ENUNCIATED IN AMBASSADOR YOUNG'S STATEMENT. THUS, WHILE WE WISH TO AVOID CREATION OF ANY NEW

STRUCTURES WHICH WOULD DUPLICATE OAS STRUCTURES, WE VIEW THE ECLA MEETING AS AN IMPORTANT FORUM FOR AIRING OF VIEWS AND OPENING A DIALOGUE. OBVIOUSLY, THERE WILL BE REFERENCES TO POLITICAL ISSUES WHICH THE US WILL FIND UNACCEPTABLE. WE HOPE, HOWEVER, THAT THE DELEGATION WILL BE GIVEN ENOUGH TACTICAL FREEDOM OF ACTION TO PERMIT IT TO MAKE NECESSARY RESERVATIONS ON ANY OBJECTIONABLE ASPECTS OF THE REGIONAL PLAN WITHOUT BEING FORCED TO VOTE AGAINST THE PLAN AS A WHOLE.

4. WE SHOULD BE PARTICULARLY FLEXIBLE WITH RESPECT TO REFERENCES TO NEO AND CERDS AS THESE ARE CONSIDERED BY THE MAJORITY OF LATIN STATES TO BE AN ESSENTIAL INGREDIENT IN ANY DISCUSSION OF ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL JUSTICE. DELEGATION SHOULD BE PREPARED TO NEGOTIATE IMPROVEMENTS IN THE LANGUAGE TO THE EXTENT POSSIBLE WITHOUT OPERATING UNDER THE EXPECTATION THAT ALL REFERENCES TO NEO AND CERDS COULD BE ELIMINATED.

5. WITH RESPECT TO COMPOSITION OF OTHER DELEGATIONS, WE HAVE LEARNED THAT DR. LUCILLE MAIR, UN PERMANENT MISSION, WILL BE REPRESENTING JAMAICA IN HAVANA. WE HAVE ALWAYS WORKED CLOSELY WITH DR. MAIR AND FOUND HER TO BE ONE OF THE BEST INFORMED AND MOST COOPERATIVE OF THE G-77 DELEGATES.

6. IGLESIAS STATED THAT HE WOULD LIKE TO MEET WITH THE US DELEGATION IN HAVANA. WE SUGGEST US DEL ARRANGE TO MEET WITH IGLESIAS AS SOON AS POSSIBLE
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